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SUBJECT
Harbor Observations-- Odessa, USSR and Gdynia, Poland

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Itinerary and Cargo Information

1. Port	Remarks	50X1-HUM
Pyræus Istanbul Odessa	Arrived in ballast. Loaded 7400M tons of Iron	50X1-HUM
	Discharged 7400M tons of Iron from Odessa. Loaded 5,347L tons Iron Ore for Gdynia.	50X1-HUM
Gdynia ()	Discharged 5,347L Tons Iron Ore Left in ballast. Arrived in ballast. Loaded 2000 tons corn, 5200 tons wheat	50X1-HUM
2. The ship called at Odessa, USSR, under voyage charter to PROMETHEO IMPORT of Moscow to load 7,400M tons of iron (iron billets, beams, angles, pipes). It then proceeded to where it discharged the iron, and under voyage charter loaded 5,347L tons of iron ore for Gdynia, Poland. The local agent at Odessa was V/O "SOTRACHT." 50X1-HUM		

Pilotage and Security Measures

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6. [Redacted]

7. The buoys in the outer harbor were either missing or out of commission due to recent ice floes.

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8. [Redacted] the draft was between 24 to 27 ft.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] There was a [Redacted] steamer (name unknown) docked which discharged iron ore and departed in ballast.

9. [Redacted]

Port Facilities

Odessa

10. [Redacted] cargo was loaded by means of four electric cranes (approximately 10-15 tons). There were about 14 or 15 cranes at Quarantine Harbor alone.

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[Redacted] there was a power house located between Quarantine Harbor and New Harbor which supplied the power for the cranes. There were four motors (capacity unknown) in the power house, and the crane track was approximately one half mile in length. There were many such cranes all over the harbor. The pier at Quarantine Harbor was of concrete construction, in good condition.

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11. Water facilities at Odessa were poor. [Redacted]

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12. [redacted] fuel was [redacted] of poor quality. Fuel was loaded by means of a fuel barge which was connected to a tug. The tug supplied the steam for the barge to facilitate pumping. A fuel sample was not available.
13. [redacted] there were several tractors, cars, and other cargo on the docks ready for loading. 50X1-HUM
14. Minor repair work, such as taking off plates, was done at the sea wharf, but actual work was done at the Repairing Basin. No facilities were available at Quarantine Harbor.
15. Granaries, located at Quarantine Mole, were serviced by both rail and by road. [redacted] There were two 50X1-HUM freighters at Quarantine Mole. One, name unknown, was loading cork, and the other, [redacted] was loading paper. The wharf at Quarantine Mole was not 50X1-HUM in good condition; it was made of wood and was rotten and broken in many places.
16. The main breakwater was made of concrete and in good condition - no work was being done on it. The New Mole is not ready for use - about 600 ft has been 50X1-HUM completed.
17. There is a warehouse of about three or four stories, of concrete construction, located at Quarantine Harbor. [redacted]
18. [redacted] one Soviet Destroyer anchored outside the Harbor. [redacted] it was a type believed to be of the Silny class. Jet planes, about three or four in a group (no further identification known), conducted exercises over the harbor one day for a half hour.
- Gdynia
19. Iron ore was off-loaded by small electric cranes (approximately two tons) in an efficient manner, and no difficulties were encountered. 50X1-HUM
20. [redacted]
21. [redacted]
- [redacted] the pay at Gdynia was poor; [redacted] monthly earnings were 1,005 zlotys. [redacted] approximately 15 "steamers" were built a year at the Gdynia shipyard, [redacted] the shipyard was very good, and [redacted] there was a 10 thousand-ton cargo steamer being 50X1-HUM

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built at the shipyard at the present time.

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23. Several ships were observed at the Swedish Quay -

[redacted] one Soviet - names unknown.

ships loaded coal at the Swedish Quay every day and that there were always two or three ships waiting for a berth.

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24. One [redacted] ship (name unknown) was discharging grain at Indian Quay. The silo was approximately 10 stories high and made of cement. Cargo was discharged by means of pneumatic tubes.

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General ObservationsOdesa

25. [redacted] electric power supply in Odesa is very poor.

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26. Black market exists in Odesa.

[redacted] One tie could bring 70 rubles. A glass of

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beer costs five rubles.

[redacted] there were many women at the club; however, the crew members could not take the women outside the club.

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29. [redacted] a radar installation at Cape Fontan, where there were also gun installations.

Gdynia

30. Artillery firing was heard the first night in port in the general direction of Oesynie.

31. There was a sub base inside Basin #10. No flags were observed on the subs, and no guns observed on deck. The subs appeared to be in for repairs.

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33. One destroyer (no further identification known) was observed outside the harbor. No planes, radar installations, or radio installations were observed. 50X1-HUM

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about 20 per cent of the population of Gdynia wore military uniforms.

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